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SUBJECT: ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN OF FATHERS UNDER SECTION 101(B)-22
CFR 42.1, NOTE 2.3

REF: STATE 188437

1. AMEMBASSY MONROVIA HAD ADJUDICATED NO MORE THAN FOUR CASES OF STEPCHILD/STEPPARENT RELATIONSHIPS DURING THE LAST YEAR UNDER SECTION 101(B)(1)(B) OF THE INA. CONSOFF USUALLY REQUIRES CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ORDER OF THE LIBERIAN PROBATE COURT DECREETING THE LEGITIMACY OF THE CHILD IN QUESTION. TO THIS DATE, THE CONSOFF HAS NOT EXPERIENCED ANY FRAUD IN SUCH CASES. CHAPTER 5 SECTION 65 OF THE LIBERIAN CODE OF LAWS STATES THAT ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN ARE LEGITIMATED BY QUOTE(S) THE SUBSEQUENT MARRIAGE OF THEIR NATURAL PARENTS TO EACH OTHER, TOGETHER WITH THE RECEPTION OF SUCH CHILD INTO THE PARENTS' HOME AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY; OR (B) AN APPLICATION OF THE PARENT TO MAKE THE CHILD HIS LEGITIMATE CHILD. SUCH APPLICATIONS SHALL BE MADE TO THE PROBATE COURT. UPON RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE CLERK TO RECORD THE APPLICATION, ITS DATE, THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT, AND THE NAME OF THE CHILD. WHEN SUCH RECORD HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE COURT, THE CLERK SHALL PREPARE, SIGN, AND ISSUED TO THE APPLICANT A CERTIFIED COPY OF SUCH RECORD, WHICH CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE AS FULL AND SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF THE LEGITIMACY OF THE CHILD. UNQUOTE.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, NO INDICATIONS THAT SIGNIFICANT FRAUD RE 101(B)(1) CASES IN LIBERIA. CONSOFF HAS NO SUGGESTIONS
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ON HOW TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY FOR LIBERIANS OTHER THAN

EXERCISE OF CAUTION AND INSISTANCE UPON MOST RELIABLE FORMS
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